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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of)

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Application No. 10/062,302)

Confirmation No. 2560)

Filed: February 1, 2002)

For: Brake Shoe With Spring Brake Member)

Examiner: Gregory J. Strimbu

Art Unit: 3634

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
IN JULY 29, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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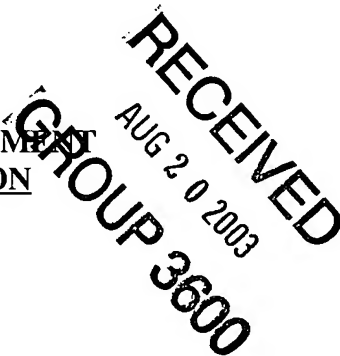
Dear Commissioner:

This Response is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed July 29, 2003. The original period for response is a shortened statutory period of thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the Official Action. Accordingly, this reply is submitted within the one-month deadline, and no fee is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in this Application. In the Official Action, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement. The Examiner requires election of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30 and 32, drawn to a brake assembly, classified in class 049, subclass 176.
- II. Claim 31, drawn to a brake, classified in class 049, subclass 451.



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